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From: Frey, Rebecca [frey.rebecca@epa.gov]
Sent: 1/8/2015 8:46:11 PM
To: Tanaka, Joan [Tanaka.Joan@epa.gov]
CC: Mcseveney, Megan [mcseveney.megan@epa.gov]; Berkoff, Michael [berkoff.michael@epa.gov]
Subject: Urgent: Allied LF bullets for responding to reporter

Joan,
 Michael spoke with Phillipa and Anne about the subject below, and they suggested he prepare a few bullets that convey the sorts of things EPA would say when verbally responding to a reporter's questions about the city's proposal for redevelopment of the Allied Landfill. His bullets (with my comments incorporated) are below. The reporter's deadline is tomorrow, so we'd like this to move quickly. A desk statement was previously prepared and approved by the RA, but does not cover the sorts of things we expect the reporter to ask. I've also included the text of the approved desk statement below. Do these bullets need to go through Rick before we send them upstairs? (I'm also copying Megan on this.)

- EPA has not yet proposed or selected a remedy for the landfill, and supports the City's pursuit of a consolidation and capping alternative that maximizes redevelopment.
- Such an alternative, which would maximize consolidation and unrestricted redevelopment, would meet the agency's criterion for environmental protectiveness. Redevelopment of the property also would provide valuable long-term stewardship of the landfill, increasing the long-term effectiveness of the remedy.
- EPA intends to add a consolidation and capping alternative which maximizes redevelopment to the Feasibility Study as an addendum. Modifying a "final" Feasibility Study may not be common, but it is not unprecedented.
- EPA, MDEQ, and the City will be conducting outreach this winter for public input on which of the potential new consolidation and capping alternatives should be added to the Feasibility Study. Local community members will have an opportunity to comment on all cleanup alternatives when EPA presents its proposed cleanup plan in summer 2015.

Previously approved desk statement:

Since 1990, EPA has worked with the City of Kalamazoo, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the local community to address PCB contamination in the general Kalamazoo River area.

Although EPA has not yet made a formal decision on a cleanup plan for the Allied Landfill, EPA believes the proposed alternatives the City helped develop meet the agency's criteria for environmental protectiveness. Redevelopment of the property would provide valuable long-term stewardship of the landfill.

This winter, EPA, along with MDEQ and the City, will seek public input on new consolidation and capping alternatives. Community members will have an opportunity to comment on all cleanup alternatives when EPA presents its proposed cleanup plan in summer 2015.

For more information: <http://www.epa.gov/region5/cleanup/alliedpaper/>.

Thanks,
 -Becky

From: Cannon, Phillipa
Sent: Thursday, January 08, 2015 11:19 AM
To: Mcseveney, Megan; Berkoff, Michael; Saric, James
Subject: FW: Allied paper site in Kalamazoo, MI

The Kzoo Gazette is asking whether EPA has any comment on the city's proposal? Anne said she thought that SF had already drafted a statement about this. Is there an approved statement we can share?

From: Monacelli, Emily [<mailto:EMONACEL@mlive.com>]

Sent: Thursday, January 08, 2015 11:11 AM

To: Cannon, Phillippa

Subject: Allied paper site in Kalamazoo, MI

Hi, Phillippa:

Here's our most recent story that details the city's proposal for redevelopment on the Allied Paper site.

http://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2014/12/allied_paper.html

Thank you,
Emily

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